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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the amendments made herein and consider the following remarks.

Applicant submits herewith: 1) a marked up version of the amended paragraphs in the specification, attached hereto as Exhibit A; 2) a copy of the pending claims, attached hereto as Exhibit B; 3) Exhibit C, a publication by Özkaynak *et al.*, 2001, Nature Immunol. 2(7):591-596 entitled "Importance of ICOS-B7RP-1 Costimulation in Acute and Chronic Allograft Rejection" ("Özkaynak"); 4) Exhibit D, a copy of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by the Applicant, Dr. Richard Kroczek, filed in connection with a co-pending continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/509,283 (application no. to be assigned) ("the Kroczek Declaration"); 5) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, accompanied by a revised PTO Form 1449; 6) an Amendment Fee Transmittal Sheet; and 7) a Sequence Listing in paper and computer-readable forms, accompanied by a Transmittal of the Sequence Listing.